

Date: September 5, 2013

To: Don Joseph, Pastor
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From: Charlie Dean, church member

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On September 2, 2013 I sent Don Joseph and Don Whitley the following email:

From : Charlie Dean [email address]
To : Don Whitley [email address],
Oaks Christian Church - [email address]
Date : Mon, Sep 2, 2013 at 9:58 AM
Subject : Pastor Don Joseph & Don Whitley

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Charlie Dean [email address]

Gents,

Holly gave me the e-material for 2006 through 2013. I have it available on my e-Library Practice Site.

I am ready to begin experimenting with the corporate e-material. I have no idea how many years of this material exist. Certainly the 2013 material is the most important. I hope you will use your pull to have this material sent to me. I can receive it by email, or via a thumb drive.

I have had prior conversations about this digital material. Surely by now all Board members know that I would like to receive it. It would be disingenuous to believe that the delay here is not intentional.

Our church has lost at least a generation of young people, and I seems to me that we are not affecting any change. I will be blunt. The major effort of our Board seems to be in the form of paying bills, giving away money, and passing the collection basket on Sunday morning right after a brief stewardship guilt trip.

Digital material

It is imperative that our church provide its members with easy access to corporate material. This is part of the reason why our church is missing at least a generation of young people.

I am organizing the church's digital material. Some of it is already online on <https://sites.google.com/site/elibrarypracticesite/>. I am willing to buy equipment to digitize the older material that exists only in paper form after I have done what I can with the material that is already in digital form. I presently have the newsletters from 2006 through 2013 on the Internet. I am now ready to work on the digital corporate material.

None of the corporate material is on the church computer. I find this disturbing. I understand that the general congregation may reasonably be restricted from viewing exempt material. However, the nonexempt material, which is generally the material that is published in the business meeting and in other venues, is material that church members should have easy access to. Such material belongs to the congregation. I realize that most of our church members are not very computer literate, but this is no excuse for the missing material. Texas law requires that this digital material be accessible to our members.

Monthly newsletter

It is imperative that our church improve its method of publishing digital copies of the monthly newsletter. This is part of the reason why our church is missing at least a generation of young people. The June 2011 newsletter was the last newsletter that was easy to read on a computer screen and easy to read when printed on an 8.5 X 11 sheet of paper.

Summary

I hope we can recapture a lost generation of young people. I am willing to help in any reasonable way.

Please see that this letter is on the agenda at the next business meeting.